

Covanta Energy's Rx4Safety

Unused medications in the household may contribute to the growing rate of prescription drug abuse among Americans, particularly teenagers.

In support of national efforts to alleviate these issues, Covanta Energy has developed the Prescription for Safety Program (Rx4Safety).

Covanta's Energy-from-Waste facilities provide safe, environmentally sound destruction that protects our water supply and reduces the risk of drugs reaching unauthorized users.

Rx4Safety provides safe, free disposal of medications that are collected from med return boxes and community sponsored drug take-back programs.

Energy-from-Waste facilities reduce greenhouse gases and produce clean, renewable energy from municipal solid waste.

Since the program's launch in 2010, Covanta's facilities have destroyed more than one million pounds of unwanted medications from collection events held across the U.S. by municipalities, community groups and law enforcement agencies.

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A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN

- ◆ The District Attorney's Office
- ◆ The Sheriff's Department
- ◆ The Police Chiefs of Plymouth County
- ◆ Covanta Energy
- ◆ The Department of Public Health's Bureau of Substance Abuse Services
- ◆ Drug Enforcement Agency



Got Drugs?

Dispose of your unwanted
or expired medications safely

SAFE AND SECURE DISPOSAL ACT OF 2010

Under the federal Safe and Secure Disposal Act of 2010, communities are now required to offer residents, a method to collect and dispose of expired or unused prescription medication in a legal, safe and secure manner which is also environmentally safe.

WHY YOU SHOULD NOT FLUSH MEDICATIONS

Flushed medications enter our wastewater and can leach into our lakes, rivers, streams and our water supply.

Studies have shown that active pharmaceutical ingredients have been found in groundwater and drinking water.

Research has shown that continuous long term exposure to low levels of antibiotics and medications have altered the behavior and physiology of some fish and aquatic organisms.

The Environmental Protection Agency recommends incineration as the safest method of disposal.

24 Police Departments across Plymouth County now offer free, anonymous disposal of the unused or expired medications that you no longer need. Receptacles are located inside the police department lobbies, and are accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is no fee involved for the disposal. You do not need to be a resident to use this service. If your police department does not have a Med Return Box, please use the location nearest to you. Medications should be discarded in their original packaging. Please blackout any personal information on the label.

Med Return Box Locations

- Abington Police Department
- Bridgewater Police Department
- Carver Police Department
- Duxbury Police Department
- East Bridgewater Police Department
- Halifax Police Department
- Hanover Police Department
- Hanson Police Department
- Hingham Police Department
- Hull Police Department
- Lakeville Police Department
- Marion Police Department
- Marshfield Police Department
- Mattapoisett Police Department
- Middleboro Police Department
- Norwell Police Department
- Pembroke Police Department
- Plymouth Police Department
- Rochester Police Department
- Rockland Police Department
- Scituate Police Department
- Wareham Police Department
- West Bridgewater Police Department
- Whitman Police Department

Acceptable Medications

- Pills, Capsules and Patches
- Prescription Medications
- Prescription Ointments
- Liquid Medicines in unbreakable, leak-proof containers
- Over the Counter Medications
- Vitamins
- Pet Medications

Unacceptable Medications

- Syringes
- Needles
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Inhalers
- Medical Devices
- Thermometers
- IV Bags
- Aerosol Cans
- Non-Prescription liquids, ointments and lotions
- Other Non-Pharmaceutical Waste